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SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT REFERENCE FOR VERNON L. HOY

REFTEL: STATE 25885

1. IN 1975 AS GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA I WAS OBLIGED TO NAME A DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY (STATE POLICE) AS A VACANCY EXISTED IN SAID POSITION. STATE LAW REQUIRED POSITION TO BE ADVERTISED ON A NATION-WIDE BASIS. IT ALSO WAS REQUIREMENT THAT A SCREENING COMMITTEE OF FIVE PERSONS, INCLUDING ARIZONA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL, INTERVIEW OUTSTANDING APPLICANTS.

2. SCREENING WAS METICULOUSLY DONE AND DECISION NARROWED TO SENDING THREE NAMES TO ME AS GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT. VERNON L. HOY STOOD HEAD AND SHOULDERS OVER ALL APPLICANTS. AT THAT TIME HOY WAS DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE FOR LOS ANGELES.

3. APPOINTMENT MADE ON A NON-POLITICAL BASIS. HOY WAS REPUBLICAN AND I WAS A DEMOCRAT. HE ALWAYS AND FOREMOST ALWAYS DIRECTED HIS DIRECTORSHIP ON A NON-POLITICAL BASIS. WHEN HE TOOK CHARGE, THE ARIZONA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WAS IN A STATE OF COLLAPSE. MORALE WAS BAD AND SOME CORRUPTION EXISTED. HOY CLEANED OUT THE DEPT. AND
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FORMED TO WHAT, IN MY OPINION, WAS A TOP-NOTCH ORGANIZATION. A NEW ESPRIT DE CORPS EXISTED IN THE AGENCY. HOY'S THRUST WAS TRAINING, EDUCATION AND EFFICIENCY. EACH MAN IN HIS ORGANIZATION TOOK PRIDE IN HIS WORK. HOY IS AN OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR.

4. HOY IS A FAIR, OBJECTIVE AND MORAL INDIVIDUAL. HE IS

INTELLIGENT AND HAS A GOOD ACADEMIC BACKGROUND. BECAUSE OF HIS FIRING A FEW DEAD-HEADS, AN EFFORT TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT HOY WAS INITIATED. THE EFFORT FAILED, EVEN THOUGH HOY'S BACKGROUND WAS LOOKED INTO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. NOTHING NEGATIVE COULD BE DEVELOPED.

5. AS A CINCHER I CONTACTED THE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR OF FBI IN PHOENIX FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF HOY. HE TOOK ABOUT FOUR DAYS TO GIVE ME AN ORAL REPORT AND HIS REPORT WAS THAT IN HIS OPINION HOY WAS THE MOST OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF A POLICE AGENCY IN THE US. THIS CONVINCED ME AND I HIRED HOY. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM.
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